Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising a user input device comprising an extendible support having at a first end a tactile member for user actuation and mounted at a second end for pivotal movement, and transducer circuitry configured to be actuated by the extendible support, wherein the user input device has a first configuration in which the extendible support is retracted and a second configuration in which the extendible support is extended, wherein in the second configuration the user input device is operable as a joystick game controller, wherein the extendible support comprises an upper portion and a lower portion, wherein the upper and lower portions are sized and shaped to be locked in the first configuration until the upper portion is manually directly axially rotated by a user relative to the lower portion, wherein the transducer circuitry and an interface are disposed on an axis of and proximate the second end of the extendible support, wherein the interface is configured to communicate movement of the extendible support to the transducer circuitry.

2. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein pivotal movement of the user input device is restricted in the first configuration and the user input device pivots freely in the second configuration.

3. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the input device functions as an input device in both first and second configurations.

4. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the input device is operable as a navigation device in the first configuration.

5. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, comprising means for extending the extendible support in response to a first user action and for retracting the extendible support in response to a reversal of the first user action.

6. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, comprising means for extending the extendible support in response to a twisting motion applied to the tactile member about an axis of extension of the extendible support.

7. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the means for extending comprise a bias mechanism for biasing the extendible support towards an extended configuration and a user releasable locking mechanism for retaining the extendible support in a retracted configuration.

8. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the means for extending further comprises a user releasable locking mechanism for retaining the extendible support in the extended configuration.

9. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the means for extending further comprises a guide mechanism for guiding the extendible member between a retracted configuration and an extended configuration.

10. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the tactile member is raised approximately 3-8mm in the second configuration compared to the first configuration.

11. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising discrimination means for discriminating the current configuration of the user input device and control means for controlling the operation of the gaming device in dependence upon said discrimination.

12. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1 that is pocket sized and for handheld use.

13. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 12, further operable as a mobile cellular telephone.

14. (Previously Presented) A user input device for an electronic gaming device comprising the apparatus as claimed in claim 1.

15. (Currently Amended) A user input device, for a portable electronic gaming device, comprising an extendible support having at a first end a tactile member for user actuation and mounted for pivotal movement about a second end, and transducer circuitry configured to be actuated by the extendible support, wherein the user input device has a first configuration in which the extendible support is retracted and a second configuration in which the extendible support is extended, wherein in the second configuration the user input device is operable as a joystick, wherein the extendible support comprises an upper portion and a lower portion, wherein the upper and lower portions are sized and shaped to be locked in the second configuration until the upper portion is manually directly axially rotated by a user relative to the lower portion ~~without longitudinally moving the upper portion relative to the lower portion~~, wherein the transducer circuitry and an interface are disposed on an axis of and proximate the second end of the extendible support, wherein the interface is configured to communicate movement of the extendible support to the transducer circuitry.

16. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising a user input device comprising an extendible support having at a first end a tactile member for user actuation and mounted at a second end for pivotal movement, and transducer circuitry configured to be actuated by the extendible support, wherein the user input device has a first operational configuration in which the extendible support is retracted and a second operational configuration in which the extendible support is extended, wherein the user input device functions as an input device in both first and second operational configurations, wherein the user input device comprises means for extending the extendible support in response to a first user action and for retracting the extendible support in response to a reversal of the first user action, wherein the transducer circuitry and an interface are disposed on an axis of and proximate the second end of the extendible support, wherein the interface is configured to communicate movement of the extendible support to the transducer circuitry.

17. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 16, wherein pivotal movement of the user input device is restricted in the first operational configuration and the user input device pivots freely in the second operational configuration.

18. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 16, wherein the input device is operable as a navigation device in the first operational configuration.

19. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 16, wherein the input device is operable as a joystick device in the second operational configuration.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 16, comprising means for extending the extendible support in response to a twisting motion applied to the tactile member about an axis of extension of the extendible support.

22. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 16, wherein the means for extending comprise a bias mechanism for biasing the support towards an extended configuration and a user releasable locking mechanism for retaining the extendible support in a retracted configuration.

23. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 22, wherein the means for extending further comprises a user releasable locking mechanism for retaining the extendible support in the extended configuration.

24. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 16, wherein the means for extending further comprises a guide mechanism for guiding the extendible member between a retracted configuration and an extended configuration.

25. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 16, wherein the tactile member is raised approximately 3-8mm in the second configuration compared to the first configuration.

26. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 16, further comprising discrimination means for discriminating the current configuration of the user input device and control means for controlling the operation of the apparatus in dependence upon said discrimination.

27. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 16 that is pocket sized and for handheld use.

28. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 27, further operable as a mobile cellular telephone.

29. (Original) A user input device for an electronic device comprising an apparatus as claimed in claim 16.

30. (Currently Amended) A user input device, for an electronic device, comprising an extendible support having at a first end a tactile member for user actuation and mounted for pivotal movement about a second end, and transducer circuitry configured to be actuated by the extendible support, wherein the user input device has a first operational configuration in which the extendible support is retracted and a second operational configuration in which the extendible support is extended, wherein the user input device functions as an input device in both first and second operational configurations, wherein the input device comprises means for extending the extendible support in response to a direct manual rotation of the tactile member by a user's hand about an axis of extension of the extendible support, wherein the transducer circuitry and an interface are disposed on an axis of and at the second end of the extendible support, wherein the interface is configured to communicate movement of the extendible support to the transducer circuitry.